The Why:

There are systems level gaps in collaboration and funding. Our older adults lack access to necessary services, information and support systems to age successfully in San Antonio.
Our Vision

A community where older adults are respected, thrive and enjoy connected lives.
Our Mission

To transform our community by advancing practices and policies that improve quality of life of vulnerable older adults in Bexar County.
Guiding Principles

• **Embrace aging as a gift** - Older adults are vital citizens, capable of providing significant contributions to the community and the economy throughout their life. Our work will reflect respect for older adults.

• **Plan with the older adult** – We value the lived experiences of all older adults. Our work will include and engage older adults in our planning, decision-making and implementation processes.

• **Advocate and ensure equity** – Multiple systems in our community can create barriers to equitable outcomes for all older adults. Our work will incorporate an awareness of the positive and negative influences that impact all older adults.

• **Connect the community** – When we collaborate, we are more effective. Our work will coordinate and advocate for, plan, identify, provide, and leverage opportunities and resources across our community.

• **Improve quality of life** – SALSA will make a difference. Our work will have a demonstrable and positive impact on the lives of older adults.
Outcome: Age-Friendly Community
Goal Measurement: Collection of Indicators from each WG
Strategy: Collection of each WG’s strategies

Collectively develop cross-sector approaches to improve quality of life for the current and growing population of older adults, with a special emphasis on those who are vulnerable

Caregiver/Socialization
Outcome(s)
Indicators (2-3)
Strategies

Housing
Outcome(s)
Indicators (2-3)
Strategies

Transportation
Outcome(s)
Indicators (2-3)
Strategies

Steering Committee:
Action: Playing an active, time-bound and defined role that includes aligning to and integrating the work of SALSA, serving as a vocal champion to promote the collective impact effort and collaborative efforts of SALSA, assisting in the identification of funding sources and local agencies to support and/or execute strategies.

Evaluation: Need to develop – focus on strength of the collaboration as a whole and ability to measurably initiate meaningful progress through a developed action plan at the SALSA SC level.
A few highlights

• Aligned grant making to the areas of focus
• Created a *collaborative grant* pool of dollars
• Allocated dollars for research and sponsorships
Looking Ahead

• Spent significant time building a foundation
• *Understand the entire ecosystem*
• Continuing to be ‘value add’
  ▪ Telling ‘our story’
  ▪ Population Level metrics
    o Age Friendly
• Connecting with other parts of ecosystem
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